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ASX Announcement

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Failure of tank and containment at Ranger mine

- Failure of leach tank no. 1
- No injured personnel
- The slurry moved outside the bunded containment area, but has been captured and contained on site
- The production guidance for 2013 is maintained between 2,800 tonnes to 3,200 tonnes

At approximately 1 am on Saturday 7 December, Energy Resources of Australia's Ranger Mine experienced the failure of Leach Tank 1 within the processing area.

Upon discovery of a hole in the side of the tank, personnel were removed from the nearby area before the tank failed and a mixture of slurry escaped.

The slurry moved outside the bunded containment area, but has been captured and contained on site. As the material was contained within the processing area there is no impact on the environment surrounding the Ranger Project Area.

There are no injured personnel.

ERA has secured the area. Processing operations have been ceased and ERA is continuing to manage the incident. There will be no material impact on 2013 production and production guidance of 2,800 to 3,200 tonnes is maintained.

ERA is actively engaging necessary stakeholders and working with authorities.



About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (**ERA**) is one of the nation's largest uranium producers and Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.

ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for three decades. Ranger mine is one of only three mines in the world to produce in excess of 110,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

ERA's Ranger mine is located eight kilometres east of Jabiru and 260 kilometres east of Darwin, located in Australia's Northern Territory.

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